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NOTE: The organizational break-down of Soviet Zone police as presented in this report is different from that given in a report distributed on 28 October 1948. The cause for this lies in the sweeping reorganization which extended from the German Administration of the Interior to the police organizations in the Laender, resulting in the abolition of the traditional break-down of German police into its three main component parts (Administrative Police, Criminal Police, and Schutzpolizei).

1. On 1 November 1948 the German Administration of the Interior submitted to the Directorate of Internal Affairs SMA (UVD/SVAG), Karlshorst, the proposed Table of Organization for the German police in the Soviet Zone for the second half of the fiscal year 1948-1949. Although the second half of the fiscal year runs from 1 October to 31 March, the large-scale reorganization taking place in the German Administration of the Interior prevented the latter from submitting the new T/O on the required date, 1 October. It is not known at this time whether or not the proposed T/O was approved by the SMA.
2. Following is the new functional break-down of the Soviet Zone police, as presented in the T/O for the second half of the 1948-1949 fiscal year.

	Brandenburg	Mecklenburg	Saxony-Anhalt	Saxony	Thuringia
Schutzpolizei	7,050	5,175	8,380	14,200	6,900
Criminal Police	1,100	835	1,335	2,200	1,070
Administrative Police	350	700	1,135	2,150	780
Quartermaster Services	390	360	470	1,000	300
Personnel	370	255	400	750	270
Schools and Training	230	175	280	700	180
Railway Police	930	800	850	975	865
Paramilitary Police	1,500	1,000	1,750	3,000	2,500
Border Police*					

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branches, are as follows:

Schutzpolizei	41,705
Criminal Police	6,540
Administrative Police	5,615
Quartermaster Services	2,520
Personnel	2,045
Schools and Training	1,565
Railway Police	6,020
German Adm. of the Interior	800
Paramilitary Police	10,000

4. Following are the totals of the proposed T/O strength of the German police in the Soviet Zone for the second half of the 1948-1949 fiscal year, including all police personnel with the exception of the border police:

Brandenburg	12,420
Mecklenburg	9,300
Saxony-Anhalt	14,600
Saxony	24,975
Thuringia	12,865
German Adm. of the Interior	800
Totals	74,960

To this should be added:

Border Police (included in T/O estimate)	10,000
Railway and Paramilitary Police, Berlin (under control of the GAI)	1,850
Berlin east sector Police, (including Auxiliary) (not included in T/O estimate)	8,000

Total Soviet Zone T/O Strength 94,810

5. The figures quoted above are T/O figures. According to source, only the paramilitary police is up to its T/O strength, while all other organizations are, on the average, around 15% below their personnel requirements.

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- a. The upward trend in the Soviet Zone police strength is still continuing, but the increase is a gradual one which aims primarily to fill existing T/O vacancies. Any large-scale strength increase in the near future is discounted.
- b. While the size of the Soviet Zone police is considerably larger than ordinarily needed for the preservation of law and order, ~~it does not even approach the figures~~ quoted in some press dispatches.
- c. The previously reported increase in the paramilitary police will apparently not take place during the next five months.

~~although a margin of error of five to eight per cent must be allowed because of the constantly changing personnel picture.)~~

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